It is indeed a sad day for democracy in this country, and for our troops who are fighting in Iraq to give that country a chance at democracy, to have Sinclair Broadcasting (a reputable news organization ??) make the decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary based on questionable information just days before the election. Actually, way too many of the political discussions in this country have been based on half truths, or outright lies, and it has become a position impossible to defend to our friends in other countries. The other problem is how much money seems to influence this whole process. Why would Iraq want a system like this—how could our example ever work for them and how could they afford it?

Sinclair's actions just highlight the advantage that groups with money and power can have if they do not respect the basic ideas behind the way a democracy should work. A democracy can not work on an uneven playing field. Thank you.